

ABSTRACT

A drive unit supplies to an auxiliary information generating section a first event notice related to reproducing operation and a second event notice indicating reproducing position information, regarding content recorded on a recording medium. The auxiliary information generating section generates auxiliary information based on the first and second event notices, for storage in an information storage section. A comparison/computation section makes a comparison or a computation using the reproducing position information indicated by the auxiliary information and reproducing position information indicated by a later-supplied second event notice. A command issuing section issues a command for controlling reproduction of the content based on a result of the comparison or the computation. As a result, a reproducing operation differing from an operation according to a predetermined command can be performed.